



Information

LABORATORY REPORTING OF POSITIVE RESULTS OR DETECTABLE QUANTITIES ON HIV VIRAL LOAD TESTS

Excerpts from HIV/STD Communicable Disease Reporting Rules as of January 1, 1999

§97.133. Reporting Information for Sexually Transmitted Diseases: A. The following information, at a minimum, shall be reported for any specimen derived from a human body that yields microscopic, bacteriologic, parasitologic, virologic, serologic, or other evidence of AIDS, chancroid, *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection, gonorrhea, HIV infection, or syphilis, including a CD4 + T lymphocyte count below 200 cells/microliter or a CD4 + T lymphocyte percentage of less than 14%: **1.** laboratories shall report patient name; address, city, county, and zip code of residence; date of birth (month, day, year); sex; race/ethnicity; date test(s) performed; type(s) of test(s) performed; test result(s); physician's name; and physician's/clinic's address and telephone number for all patients with a positive test result, CD4 + T lymphocyte cell count below 200 cells/microliter, or CD4 + T lymphocyte percentage of less than 14%;

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§97.134. How To Report Sexually Transmitted Diseases: E. Reports of confirmed or suspected sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS and HIV infection must be submitted within seven days of identification of the notifiable condition. **F.** Laboratories shall submit information weekly. If, during any calendar quarter, tests for chancroid, *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection, gonorrhea, HIV infection, and syphilis are performed and all test results are negative, the person in charge of reporting for the laboratory shall submit a statement to this effect on or before January 5, April 5, July 5, and October 5 following that calendar quarter.

Additional Reporting Requirements as of January 1, 2000

All of the above remain in effect. In addition, laboratories now should report the following:

- As of January 1, 2000, any positive result or report of a detectable quantity on an HIV viral load test performed on or after 01/01/2000 will be reportable to TDH under the communicable disease reporting rules.
- The information to include on HIV viral load reports (*in addition to data elements already listed as reportable above, such as name, date of test, etc*) are:
 1. The number of viral copies per milliliter (mL) [*preferred*] or the log value of the copies per milliliter
 2. The measurement unit (copies per mL or log value of copies/mL)
 3. The type of test performed (for example: NASBA, [Organon Teknika, NASBA], Quantitative PCR [Roche, Amplicor®], Branch Chain DNA [Chiron, Quantiplex®].
- TDH accepts reports of positive results or detectable quantities of HIV viral load tests sent through whatever media (paper, electronic, etc) your laboratory presently uses to report other positive HIV tests. Reporting of positive results or reports of a detectable quantity for HIV viral load tests performed before January 1, 2000 is not required.